

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Nate McConnell (D), Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D) and Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 189, 1/6/2017; HB 193, 1/6/2017

00:02:00 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:09 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise utility electric cost recovery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:40 Roger Koopman, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

[**EXHIBIT\(feh08a01\)**](#)

00:21:00 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council

00:26:18 Jacalyn Boyle, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:08 John Alke, North Western Energy (NWE)

Informational Testimony:

00:40:13 Diego Rivas, North Western Energy Coalition (NWECC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:41 Vice Chair Hayman

00:47:45 Roger Koopman, PSC

00:51:15 Rep. Rosendale

00:51:40 Roger Koopman, PSC

00:52:25 Rep. Rosendale

00:52:35 Roger Koopman, PSC

00:53:22 Chair Zolnikov

00:53:29 Roger Koopman, PSC

00:54:22 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:56:10 Rep. Bishop

00:56:48 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:58:02 Rep. Custer

00:58:39 Travis Kavulla, PSC

00:59:41 Rep. Olsen

01:00:13 Travis Kavulla, PSC

01:01:49 Rep. Rosendale

01:01:59 John Alke, NWE

01:03:02 Rep. Rosendale

01:03:05 John Alke, NWE

01:03:20 Rep. Custer

01:03:47 John Alke, NWE

01:07:46 Chair Zolnikov

01:08:10 John Alke, NWE

01:09:12 Chair Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:26 Rep. Woods

01:13:48 Chair Zolnikov turns the Chair to Vice Chair Skees
01:14:32 Chair Skees

HEARING ON HB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:08 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 189, Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments.

See Exhibit(1)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:48 Brad Johnson, Montana Public Service Commission, (PSC)
01:27:50 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council
01:31:38 Diego Rivas, North Western Energy Coalition (NWECC)
01:32:14 Jacalyn Boyle, AARP Montana
01:32:45 Mark Baker, Denbury Resources
01:33:23 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:29 John Alke, North Western Energy (NWE)

[EXHIBIT\(feh08a02\)](#)

01:59:43 Mike Green, Crowley Fleck Law Firm

02:08:23 Bob Story, Montana Tax Payers Association, (MonTax)

[EXHIBIT\(feh08a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh08a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:27 Rep. Morigeau
02:16:20 Travis Kavulla, PSC
02:17:05 Rep. Morigeau
02:17:35 Travis Kavulla, PSC
02:18:56 Rep. Morigeau
02:19:07 Rep. Rosendale
02:19:24 John Alke, NWE
02:19:34 Rep. Rosendale
02:20:02 John Alke, NWE
02:22:20 Rep. Olsen
02:23:22 John Alke, NWE
02:24:30 Rep. Olsen
02:25:10 Travis Kavulla, PSC
02:26:46 Rep. Custer
02:27:53 Bob Story, MonTax
02:29:07 Vice Chair Hayman
02:29:44 Travis Kavulla, PSC
02:31:25 Rep. Rosendale
02:31:50 Mike Green, Crowley Fleck Law Firm
02:33:07 Chair Skees
02:33:21 Mike Green, Crowley Fleck Law Firm
02:33:53 Chair Skees

02:34:16 Travis Kavulla, PSC

02:35:15 Chair Skees

02:35:31 Travis Kavulla, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

02:36:01 Rep. Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:40:07

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh08aad.pdf](#))